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- 11. (U) Embassy continues to press the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for details of assistance to Iraq. On February 26, the MFA formally informed post, via diplomatic note, that the UAE has disbursed its entire \$215 million Madrid reconstruction pledge "on projects inside Iraq." On March 6, after receipt of reftel, EconChief reached the office director for Assistant Undersecretary for International Cooperation Mohammed Abduljalil to ask for a breakdown of UAE disbursements.
- 12. (SBU) Post will continue to press the UAEG to provide a breakdown in UAEG disbursements in Iraq. We note, however, that it has been very difficult to obtain detailed statistics from the UAE, given the weak federal structure and the fact that much of the assistance comes directly from the Emirate of Abu Dhabi -- on behalf of the UAE -- rather than from the UAE Federal Government.